POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
ONLINE AND DISTANCE EDUCATION

This is a credit-based qualification.
These regulations should not be read in isolation. It is important that you read them in conjunction with the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

PD–ODE 1 QUALIFICATION NAME

PD–ODE 1.1 The University offers the Postgraduate Diploma in Online and Distance Education. Up to the end of 2004, this qualification was known as the Postgraduate Diploma in Open and Distance Education. Holders of the qualification are permitted to use the letters PG Dip (ODE) (Open) after their names.

PD-ODE 1.2 Approval has been given for this qualification to be withdrawn. The final date on which it will be awarded is 31 December 2021.

PD–ODE 2 REGISTRATION

PD–ODE 2.1 To register as a student, you must adhere to registration regulations in the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses) and show evidence of suitable preparation for postgraduate study. The minimum entry requirement is a bachelor’s degree conferred by a UK university or other recognised degree-awarding body, or an equivalent qualification.

PD–ODE 2.2 To be awarded the postgraduate diploma, you must declare it as an intended qualification and ensure that your credit is linked to it.

PD–ODE 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

PD–ODE 3.1 To be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma in Online and Distance Education, you must obtain 120 credits through the successful completion of modules from the MA in Online and Distance Education profile.

PD–ODE 3.2 The credit for this qualification must include from Open University modules a minimum amount of credit that meets the University’s unique study regulations, that minimum amount is 40 credits.

PD–ODE 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

PD–ODE 4.1 There is no credit transfer scheme for the diploma.

PD–ODE 5 PROGRESS TOWARDS THE QUALIFICATION

PD–ODE 5.1 In order to actively continue your studies, you must satisfy the assignment and examination requirements and make satisfactory progress as specified for the qualification. If you fail to satisfy the assignment and examination requirements for the modules for which you are registered or fail to make satisfactory progress, you will cease to be registered for the diploma and will have no more right to continue your studies than a new applicant.

PD–ODE 5.2 Permission to retake a module or to continue to be registered after withdrawing from a module or after failing to register for a module in a particular year must be obtained from the Faculty Teaching Committee.